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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BHUTTO'S VISIT HERALDED AS STRENGTHENING

IRANO-PAKISTANI TIES

SUMMARY: THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN HAS GONE ALL OUT TO WELCOME PRESIDENT BHUTTO. DURING STATE BANQUET HOSTED BY SHAH SPEECHES WERE EXCHANGED STRESSING THE WARM RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN LENGTHY MEETING BETWEEN SHAH AND BHUTTO IT SPECULATED POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO BOTH COUNTRIES DISCUSSED. JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED MAY 14.

1. PRESIDENT AND MRS. BHUTTO GIVEN RED CARPET TREATMENT UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN TEHRAN MAY 10. THEY WERE MET AT MEHRABAD AIRPORT BY THE SHAH AND EMPRESS AND PROCEEDED BY CAR TO THE CENTER OF TOWN AND THENCE IN STATE IN THE ROYAL HORSE- DRAWN COACH THROUGH THE STREETS OF TEHRAN TO GOLESTAN PALACE WHERE THEY STAYING DURING FIVE- DAY OFFICIAL VISIT, PRESS HAS HERALDED VISIT WITH SUCH UNCLASSIFIED

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FRONT PAGE HEADLINES AS " MONARCH, BHUTTO DEVELOPING NEW LINKS"
(TEHRAN JOURNAL), AND " SPECIAL LINKS CAN' T BE UNDERMINED,
BHUTTO" (KAYHAN).

2. THE SHAH IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH TO BHUTTO AT THE STATE
BANQUET HE HOSTED NIGHT OF BHUTTO' S ARRIVAL SPOKE OF IRAN' S
DEEP AFFECTION AND FRIENDSHIP FOR PAKISTAN AND ITS PEOPLE.
HE COMPLIMENTED BHUTTO ON HIS STATESMANSHIP AND DEDICATION TO
PAKISTAN, AND THE MEETING OF ORDEALS HE HAS HAD TO FACE WITH
COURAGE AND UNFLAGGING SPIRIT. HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE OVER THE
PASSING OF PAKISTAN' S NEW CONSTITUTION WHICH TOOK PLACE UNDER
CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH REFLECT THE POLITICAL GROWTH AND INTELLECTUAL
MATURITY OF THOUGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN. TURNING TO RELATIONS
OF THE TWO COUNTRIES THE SHAH SAID " IT OBVIOUS TO ALL THAT OUR
RELATIONSHIP IS ONE OF BEST OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD." IRAN AND
PAKISTAN, HE SAID, ARE LINKED TOGETHER BYCENTO AND RCD AND EX-
TENSIVE COOPERATION/ PROGRMAS, AND PERSONAL CONTACTS MSKE PLACE
REGULARLY BETWEEN THE HEADS OF STATE. HE CITED THE RECENT ES-
TABLISHMENT OF IRANIAN CONSULATES IN LAHORE AND PESHAWAR.
THE MONARCH CONCLUDED ON NOTE THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE
FOLLOWING
A POLICY OF COOPERATION AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, AND
HAVE POLICIES BASED ON PEACE AND HUMANE IDEALS.

3. PRESIDENT BHUTTO RESPONDED SAYING RELATIONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN
AND IRAN HAVE STOOD THE TEST OF TIME AND THAT IN " EVERY CRISIS
OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE STOOD AS FRIENDS AND BROTHERS." HE
SPOKE OF THE DEEP- ROOTED BONDS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES,
AND SAID IRAN' S CONTRIBUTIONS TO PAKISTAN' S INTEREST IS DEEP
IN HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE. INDIVIDUALS WHO DESIRED TO CREATE
SOME SCHISM BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES COULD NEVER SUCCEED,
HE SAID, BECAUSE RELATIONSHIPS ARE TIED TOGETHER FOR OBJECTIVE
REASONS WHICH ARE IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES. HE ASSURED
HIS MAJESTY THAT " THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN' S HEARTS (SIC) ARE
IN NISON WITH THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE IN IRAN" BECAUSE OF FRIEND-
SHIP BASED ON MUTUAL EQUALITY AND INTEREST WITH HOPE FOR A BETTER
FUTURE. HE CONCLUDED WITH ASSURANCES THAT PAKISTAN WILL
ALWAYS MARCH TOGETHER WITH IRAN WHETHER THERE BE GOOD OR BAD
TIMES.

4. MAY 11 BHUTTO MET WITH THE SHAH FOR A TWO AND ONE- HALF
HOUR SESSION AT WHICH WERE PRESENT IRAN' S FOREIGN MINISTER,
FIANCE MINISTER, ECONOMY MINISTER AND THE AMBASSADOR TO PAK-
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ISTAN. ALONG WITH PRESIDENT BHUTTO WERE THE GOVERNOR OF THE
PUNJAB, THE MINISTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS, AND PAKISTAN' S
FOREIGN SECRETARY. NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED JBLLOWING
THE TALKS BUT THEREIS TO BE A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED MAY 14.

THE PRESS REPORTS ACCORDING TO " INFORMED OBSERVERS" ECO-
NOMIC AND FINANCIAL ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED AS WELL AS POLITICAL
MATTERS.

5. KAYHAN (SEMI- OFFICIAL VOICE) MAY 12 EDITORIAL, " STRONGER
THAN EVER RELATIONS," REFERRING TO THE BANQUET SPEECHES,
STATES IT CLEAR IRANO- PAKISTANI AMITY REMAINS AS STRONG AS
EVER AND THE NOISE MADE BY SOME UNFRIENDLY PAKISTANI OPPOSITION
BACKERS TOWARD IRAN RPROVIDED OPPORTUNITY SHOW WHOLE WORL
TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES CANNOT BE UNDERMINED BY BASE
ACCUSATIONS. POSTULATES FACTS OF CONTEMPORARY LIFE IN ASIA
MAKE IT IMPERATIVE FOR IRAN TO RETAIN PAKISTAN AS CLOSE FRIEND
AND ALLY. STATES PRESIDENT BHUTTO HAS SUCCEDED IN PRESERVING
INTEGRITY OF PAKISTAN AND NOW IS DETERMINED TO BUILD IT ECO-

NOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY INTO A PROGRESSIVE NATION. DECLARES
THESE OBJECTIVES DESERVE FULL SUPPORT OF IRA AND ALL OTHER
COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN PEACE AND PROGRESS.

6. COMMENT: THE WARM RECEPTION BEING GIVEN BHUTTO IS CONSIDERED
TO BE EXCEPTIONAL WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, INDICATES
THE SPECIAL RELATIONS WHICH " BOTH SIDES HAVE AVOWED TO MAIN-
TAIN AND STRENGTHEN."
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